



NEW FACTOR IN POLITICS

**Labor Movement Disturbs
All Politicians.**

MAY END IN FAILURE

**Taft's Support of Littlefield Causes
Surprise in Many
Quarters.**

NEW SCHOOL OF POLITICS

**Present Day Tends Toward Individual
Action of the Party Leaders In-
stead of Obeying Political
Bosses.**

WASHINGTON, August 15 (Special)

—There isn't any doubt that public men are disturbed by the political campaign of the labor unions. It is a new factor in American politics and one with which the politicians do not know how to deal. It may turn out a fiasco, as have so many other political movements launched with loud acclaim. And it may be a tremendous force which will turn upside down all the political traditions of all the years. It all depends on the rank and file membership of the labor unions.

The average American citizen has always retained the custody of his own vote. There have been attempts to unite men politically along the lines of religion, of occupation and of race, and all have failed. The Know Nothing party was one of the earliest of these efforts. It flourished like a green bay tree, and died almost in a night. More recently, there was the A. P. A. movement, which was going to keep all Catholics out of office. Its meetings were secret and its membership oath-bound, and for a time the thing looked formidable. The A. P. A.'s are now but a memory. More nearly approaching the labor union movement was the Farmers' Alliance, in which it was proposed to unite for political purposes all the farmers of the country. For a time the Alliance had a measure of success, but there came a suspicion that the organization was being "used" by certain leaders to further their own ends, and its doom was sealed. The American farmer refused to be told for whom and how he should vote.

Will the American workingman be more amenable to discipline? Knowledge of American political history would prompt the answer that he would not. But who can tell? This is a time of changes and upheavals. Old beliefs are being abandoned and old idols shattered, and the political labor movement may be a logical outcome of conditions.

The trouble with labor's political propaganda, judged by the old standards of Americanism, is that it proposes in effect a political party to serve a special interest. It is very true that political parties in the past have served special interests, and they very likely will do so again. But no political party ever dared ask the suffrage of the people on a platform the cardinal plank of which was avowedly the serving of special interests. The greatest good to the greatest number has had to be the profession of every political party, or certain defeat would be its portion.

It is not to be denied that at times both the old parties have fawned at the feet of capital while the interests of labor have gone begging. The grievances of labor are very real and very keenly felt, and the membership of the labor unions is sufficiently large to work a political revolution if the suffrage of that membership can be controlled from the headquarters of the unions. But the idea of political organization to serve selfish ends has always been repugnant

to Americans, and one has never yet achieved substantial success.

As has been said before, however, times are changing; and to this fact the politicians are keenly alive. They admit that a successful political campaign by the labor unions is not impossible, and all along the line there is a great trimming of sails to meet the storm which the clouded horizon threatens.

Taft's Attitude Amazing.

This universal recognition of the labor unions as a possible political force makes the attitude of Mr. Taft amazing to the old-school politicians. By this I mean the school of politics which teaches expediency to be the chief of virtues and which knows no policy except to drift with the popular tide, no matter where the tide may lead. But, if the repetition will again be allowed, the times are changing—and in some respects have changed. There has come to the country a realization, scarcely yet formulated into accepted knowledge, that a new era has dawned in American politics, and that there are now men highly placed in public life who dare speak what they think and do what they believe to be the right, without regard to what effect their speaking or their doing may have on their personal fortunes.

The politicians, that is, the politicians who are consumed by greed for office and whose hands are a-foul with its pelf, don't like this new school of politics. Do the people like it? Theodore Roosevelt said things and did things that made the blood of politicians congeal. And the people gave him such an endorsement at the polls as no other man of his generation ever had. William J. Bryan has scorned the men he believes betrayed the democratic party and has refused to repudiate the faith which

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STENSLAND IS SEEN

**Defaulting Banker Recognized in
Pittsburg By Acquaintance.**

BANK PRESIDENT IS WORRIED

**When Spoken to, Stensland Cries, "For
God's Sake, is it You? Don't
Give Me Away!"—Has
Plenty of Money.**

PITTSBURG, August 15.—The Chronicle Telegraph is authority for the statement that Paul O. Stensland, the defaulting president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank in Chicago, was in Pittsburg today and at present is thought to be in the East. Stensland was seen aboard a Pennsylvania railroad train at the Union Station by Oscar Holmer, a mechanical engineer, who used to be a friend of Stensland's, but who had not seen him for two years. Holmer had gone to the station to meet a friend that was on his way East, and while talking in a Pullman car, his attention was attracted to a man seated near by. In telling of the incident Holmer said: "I walked up to him and said, 'Hello Stensland, what are you doing here?' 'For God's sake is it you? Don't give me away.'"

"I told him his affairs were none of my business and then he started to talk. He said he supposed I knew all about his trouble and declared he was almost out of his mind with worry. He told me he was going East and had plenty of money."

"My friend who came from Rochester via Buffalo, told me the man I recognized had been on the train from that city. The train left here at 8 A. M."

Captain of Detectives Egan said tonight he had heard nothing about Stensland passing through here and was indignant that Holmer had not reported the incident to the police. The police have taken no action in the matter. Holmer's name does not appear in the city directory.

BRYAN GOES TO SPAIN.

PARIS, August 15.—W. J. Bryan left for Madrid today.

TERRORISTS START WORK

**Russian Police and Troops
Slain By Scores.**

REVOLUTION RAMPANT

**Carnival of Murderous Attacks
Inaugurated Throughout
Poland.**

OUTBREAK COMES SUDDENLY

**Warsaw Police Shot Down Like Rab-
bits—Disorders Are Reported in
Samara, Ufa, Yalta, Kiev,
and Chita.**

ST. PETERSBURG, August 15.—Acting apparently with a definite plan and at a signal, the terrorists and revolutionists today inaugurated a carnival of murderous attacks with bombs and revolvers on the police and troops in the various cities of Poland, echoes of which are heard from Samara, Ufa, Yalta, Kiev and even far away Chita, where the acting chief of police was slain almost at his own doorstep.

At Warsaw policemen and soldiers were shot down like rabbits in the streets.

Their associates, who traveled in small bands almost all escaped among the terrified but sympathetic population.

Other Polish cities singled out by the terrorists were Lodz, where six soldiers, three patrolmen and the wife of a police captain were wounded by the explosion of bombs in the police station, and two soldiers and two terrorists were killed in the streets; Random, where a bomb was thrown into the police station, killing the wife and child of Captain Vlotslask, where also at a given signal the policemen on all posts were simultaneously attacked and several wounded.

On account of the agrarian disorders, especially several attacks on post trains, the railway between Samara and Zlatoust, was today placed under martial law. Two of these attacks occurred at Ufa, the revolutionists in each case flagging the train, bursting open the doors of the mail cars with bombs and rifling the registered pouches. The booty in one case amounts to \$15,000.

SEVENTEEN POLICEMEN KILLED

**Warsaw Scene of Fighting Between
Revolutionists and Authorities.**

WARSAW, August 15.—There were many conflicts here today with the revolutionists, who have organized wholesale massacres of policemen, gendarmes and infantry patrols. The conspirators shot and killed 17 policemen, four gendarmes, and 7 patrolmen, and wounded a scores more. The soldiers fired a volley into a crowd killing 15 and wounding 130.

The massacre is supposed to have been planned in revenge for the arrest recently of ten socialist workmen in Praga. It was a Catholic holiday and no one suspected a massacre was in preparation. Simultaneously the attacks on the policemen began at 10 o'clock. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon reports began coming from all parts of the city, revealing the concerted nature of the attacks.

Later strong detachments of infantry, dragoons and Cossacks appeared in the streets dispersing the crowds with their swords, firearms and bayonets. The streets were quickly emptied and by 9 o'clock all the shops were closed. Ambulances and vans were busy carrying the wounded to the hospitals. All passers by were searched by the patrols and many arrests were made.

INVESTIGATION STARTED.

**Major-General Wood Summons Commis-
sion to Meet in Manila.**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15.—The Call says today:

Major-General Leonard Wood of the United States Army has summoned a commission to the Philippines to investigate the conduct of certain army officers on duty in the islands. He is keeping secret the object of his investigation and even the members of the commission declare that they do not know what they are to do. They will receive their instructions when they land at Manila.

The following officers make up the commission: Captain Ire L. Fredenall, quartermasters department; Captain Frederick W. Cole, quartermasters department; Major Amos W. Kimball, quartermasters department; clerk Eugene Pearson and D. N. McChesney, the recently appointed inspector of supplies at Jeffersonville, Ind.

Captain Fredenall and Mr. McChesney leave on the Logan, sailing today, and the balance of those ordered to the investigation leave on the next transport.

VETERAN DROPS DEAD.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 15.—Thomas H. Martin, aged 65, of Washington, D. C., senior vice-commander, dropped dead while marching today. Physicians had warned him not to march.

RUMORED DIETZ IS DEAD.

RICE LAKE, Wis., August 15.—It is rumored that Dietz, who has been defending Cameron dam against the state authorities for three years, was shot and killed by officers seeking to eject him.

SPROULE PROMOTED

**S. P. Traffic Manager Accepts
Better Position.**

WAS WITH S. P. FOR 24 YEARS

**William Sproule to Assume the Manag-
ership of the Largest Traffic Con-
cerns in the Country on
October First.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Freight Traffic Manager William Sproule of the Southern Pacific Company has been offered, and has accepted, what is probably the highest traffic position in the country. On October 1st next he assumes the traffic management of the American Smelting Refinery, the American Smelter Steamship Company, and a score of smaller corporations, including railways in Nevada and Alaska and smelters and mines in both hemispheres of the western continent. On the Pacific Coast alone, these companies own smelters at Tacoma, Everett, San Francisco and Selby.

Sproule entered the service of the Southern Pacific as a clerk in the freight department in 1882 and leaves it in the highest traffic position in the west after 24 years of continuous service.

AUTO AND STREET CAR COLLISION.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15.—As the result of a collision between an Owl car of the Eddy street line and an automobile at the corner of Webster street at an early hour this morning, four men were seriously hurt. E. J. Bauman, Joseph Murphy, John Lawson, and West Lowry were the victims.

Bauman is badly hurt internally and it is doubtful if he can recover. Murphy's right leg is broken and he has cuts and bruises all over his body.

Lawson's injuries seem to be largely superficial, but he is cut and scraped from head to foot.

The car was crowded with passengers, who were thrown into a panic by the collision.

UNWILLING TO RESIGN

**Sullivan Makes Reply to
Bryan's Demand.**

WOULD SOW DISCORD

**National Committeeman Says De-
mand Emanates From Would
Be Party Leaders.**

HAS RIGHT TO HIS OFFICE

**Sullivan Asserts to Allege Fraud
Against His Right to Seat in the
Convention, is to Indict Last
National Convention.**

CHICAGO, August 15.—Democratic National Committeeman Roger C. Sullivan today gave out a statement which he has prepared and mailed broadcast throughout Illinois, replying to W. J. Bryan's demand that he resign. Sullivan declines to concede to Bryan the right to question his democracy or his membership in the national committee.

"My title," he says, "to membership in the national committee has been conferred by higher authority than Bryan." Sullivan declares Bryan's purpose is to create new factional strife in place of the factionalism that has now disappeared. He says the demand emanates actually from M. F. Dunlay and Owen P. Thompson of Jacksonville.

"By misuse of Bryan's name and popularity, they hope to stir up enough discord at Peoria to enable them to pose again as 'Leaders' and as 'Representatives' of Bryan."

Sullivan proceeds to show that the national convention upheld him as one of the legal delegates, and when these delegates chose him as national committeeman, the convention again confirmed that action. Sullivan urges that to allege fraud against his right to a seat in the convention is to indict the last National Convention of compounding a fraud. From these men, the nomination must come two years hence, and no man, not even Bryan can afford to accept any nomination, much less the nominations for presidency, at the hands of men whom he believes abettors of "high crimes and misdemeanors and perpetrators of a fraud."

WILL NOT HELP.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15.—Lady Florence Hesketh, daughter of the late United States Senator William Sharon of Nevada, has given notice through her London solicitor that she will not help in the rebuilding of the Palace Hotel. She arrived at this decision after a thorough discussion of the subject with Sir Thomas Hesketh, who advised his wife to devote her funds to some other purpose.

This information has been conveyed to the other Sharon heirs, who however, announce that the Palace will be rebuilt. Architects are already studying plans for the new Palace.

EX-CONVICT DIES.

NEW YORK, August 15.—A special to the Herald from Boston says General Charles H. Cole, former president of the wrecked Globe National Bank, who was released from the Greenfield jail last April after serving six years for embezzlement, died at St. Mark's hospital last week suffering from general tuberculosis. His death was not entirely unexpected, as he was in bad health when he was released from imprisonment. Since his release he has lived quietly at Hingham.

CLUE IS OBTAINED.

SANTA BARBARA, August 15.—Chief of Police Ross tonight received word from the Los Angeles detective department that an anonymous letter had been received stating that the unidentified body of the murdered woman found a week ago in Temescal Canyon, was that of Mrs. Clara Armstrong of this city. Horace Lowry, a brother of Mrs. Armstrong states that she left here about four weeks ago and she was engaged to marry "Posey" Horton who found the body.

HERRING WERE THICK.

BOSTON, August 15.—Dead herring covering an area of over 15 miles were reported by Captain Anderson of the Danish steamer Texas, which arrived yesterday from Copenhagen. The fish floating on the eastern edge of the banks and the steamer plowed through them for an hour and a half. A battered dory floating in the midst of the fish led the captain to believe that some heavily laden fisherman may have foundered.

ARRESTED IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, August 15.—On the cable complaint of the Chief of Police of Budapest, Hungary, a second cabin passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, which arrived in Hoboken yesterday, who was on the passenger list as Gustave Freedman, but whose real name is said to be Fabara, was arrested on the charge of embezzlement. The money is alleged to have been taken in Hungary and amounted to \$4600. Fabara was ordered to be deported as a prisoner.

AVERILL NOMINATED.

EL PASO, Texas, August 15.—The regular republicans today nominated W. I. Averill for governor of Texas.

AWFUL EXPLOSION

**Carload of Dynamite Explodes
Killing Thirty Persons.**

DISASTER IS AT CHIHUAHUA

**Bodies and Pieces of Human Flesh Are
Picked Up Mile From Scene
—Windows of Houses Are
Broken.**

EL PASO, August 15.—It is reported here that between 20 and 30 Mexican laborers and bystanders were killed this afternoon in Chihuahua, Mexico, by the explosion of a carload of dynamite on the Mexican Central Railroad. The car was being transferred for transportation to the Robinson mine at Santa Eulalia. Bodies and pieces of human flesh were picked up a mile distant. The windows were broken in almost every house in town and many walls were wrecked. Several American foremen are reported killed.

GASOLINE STOVE EXPLOSION.

SAN JOSE, Cal., August 15.—An explosion of a gasoline stove in a shop adjoining the Fikes livery stable today set fire to both buildings. Several horses were burned and it is believed J. T. Brown, who was in the stable failed to escape. Jacob Paxley was rescued from the shop badly burned and was taken to the receiving hospital. The flames spread to Sperry elevator and flour building and consumed the elevator, and also the Imperial Dye Works.

DEMOS ENDORSE BRYAN.

DALLAS, Texas, August 15.—The democratic state convention today adopted its platform. It favors a law against lobbying, disapproves of passes and favors prohibition campaign contributions. Unbounded confidence is expressed in the statesmanship and patriotism of Bryan, together with the hope for his renomination. Senators Culbertson and Bailey are endorsed and latter defended against allegations recently made.